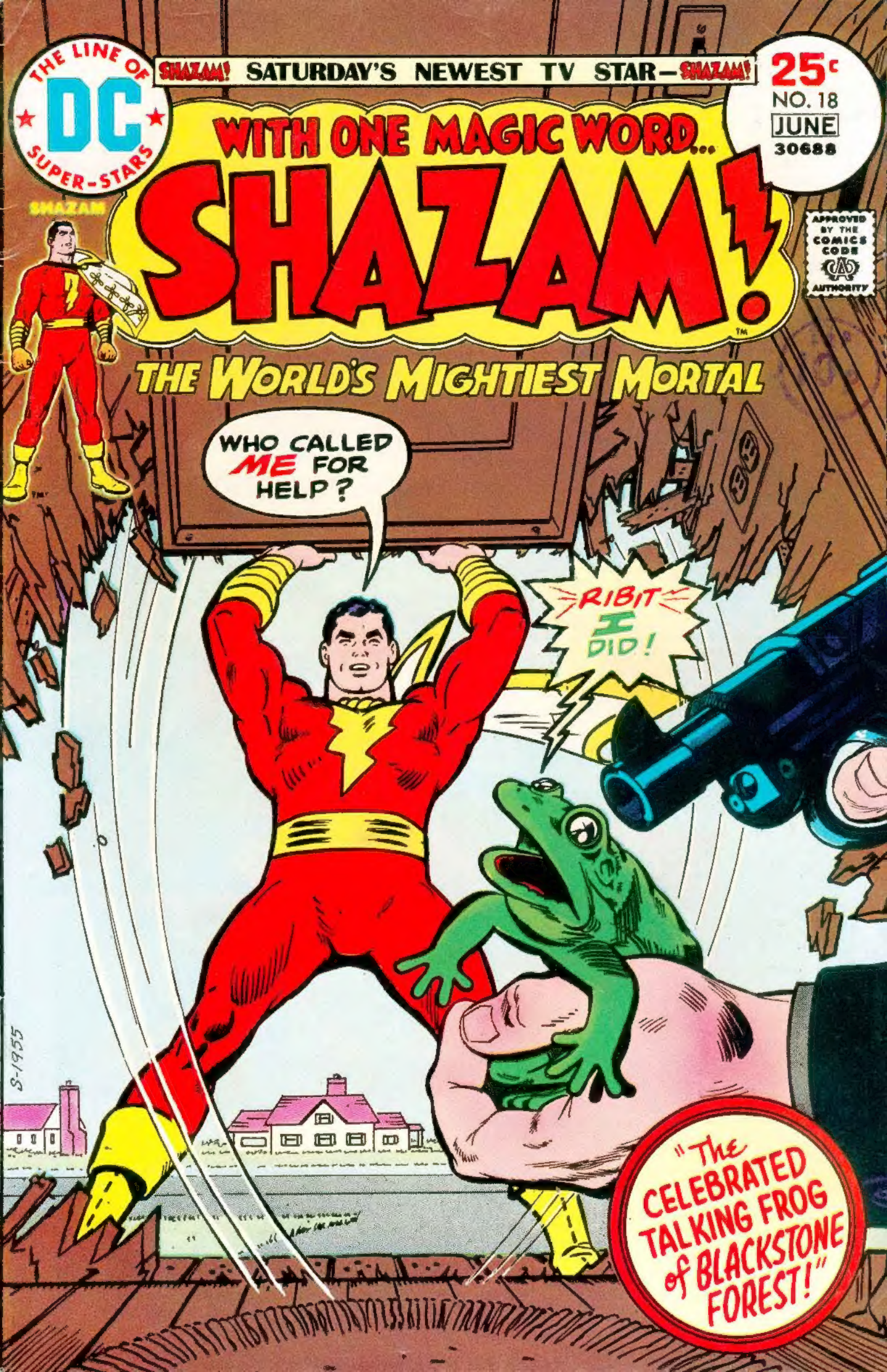
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WITH ONE MAGIC WORD...
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WHO CALLED ME FOR HELP?
RIBIT I DID!
"THE CELEBRATED TALKING FROG of BLACKSTONE FOREST!"
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ALL THE POWERS OF SIX GREAT GODS AND HEROES HAVE BEEN GATHERED AND PLACED IN THE HANDS OF BOY BROADCASTER BILLY BATSON! WHEN HE SPEAKS THE NAME OF THE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN WIZARD...
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...HE BECOMES, IN A BLINDING FLASH OF LIGHTNING, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL... CAPTAIN MARVEL
SOLOMON
HERCULES
ATLAS
ZEUS
ACHILLES
MERCURY
YOU TALKED TO ME, MR. FROG!
NOW TALK TO DR. KILOWATT AND THE CAPTAIN TO PROVE I'M NOT NUTS!
TOO BAD, CAPTAIN MARVEL... LOOKS LIKE MR. TAWNY HAS FINALLY GONE OFF THE DEEP END!
STORY: ELLIOT S! MAGGIN
ART: BOB OKSNER
A TALKING TIGER WHO WEARS COLORFUL CLOTHES? THAT'S UNUSUAL, BUT CAPTAIN MARVEL CAN ACCEPT IT! HOWEVER, IT'S NOT SO EASY FOR HIM TO BELIEVE TAWKY TAWNY'S STORY OF...
"The CELEBRATED TALKING FROG of BLACKSTONE FOREST!"

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ONE EVENING, AS MR. TAWNY, THE TALKING TIGER, LEADS BILLY BATSON AND HIS FRIENDS SUNNY SPARKLE AND DEXTER KNOX ON A CAMPING TRIP IN BLACKSTONE FOREST...
WHAT KIND OF TREE IS THAT, MR. TAWNY?
WHY, THAT'S A-- ER... UH... AN OAK TREE, SUNNY!
LOOKS LIKE A MAPLE TO ME!
YOU'RE A SCIENTIST, DEXTER! HOW ABOUT IT?
YES, BILLY-- IT'S A SYCAMORE MAPLE... ACER PSEUDOPLATANUS, TO GIVE IT ITS SCIENTIFIC NAME!
ER... ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, FELLOWS! SLIPPED MY MIND, SORT OF!
I LIVED IN THE JUNGLE HALF MY LIFE, BUT I NEVER HAD TO KNOW THE NAME OF ANYTHING-- AS LONG AS I COULD STAY ALIVE!
AS THE SUN SETS BEHIND THE FOREST TREES...
IT'S GETTING LATE... AREN'T YOU GOING TO SLEEP, MR. TAWNY?
NO, I'M GOING FOR A WALK IN THE WOODS!
REMINDS ME OF THE PLACE WHERE I WAS BORN!
RIBIT
RIBIT
I KINDA MISS THE WILD LIFE I KNEW AS A CUB-- HAPPY-GO-
HEY! ARE YOU JUST A FUNNY-LOOKING MAN -- OR A DRESSED-UP TIGER?
WH-WHO SAID THAT--?
YOU UNDERSTOOD ME! THAT MEANS YOU ARE A TIGER!
CAN'T SAY MUCH FOR YOUR TASTE IN CLOTHES, THOUGH!
THIS IS ABSURD! FROGS CAN'T TALK... BUT THEN... NEITHER CAN TIGERS-- EXCEPT ME!
WAIT TILL THE BOYS MEET YOU!
BOYS?! WELL, THAT'S NOT SUCH A GOOD IDEA--
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BUT BEFORE THE TALKING FROG CAN UTTER A WORD OF PROTEST...
BILLY! SUNNY! DEXTER! --WAKE UP!
LOOK WHO I BROUGHT WITH ME!
ALL RIGHT, FROG-- TALK!
HE'S NOT SAYING ANYTHING, MR. TAWNY!
IT'S SCIENTIFICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR FROGS TO TALK, YOU KNOW! THEIR THROAT STRUCTURE...
HA, HA! GREAT JOKE, MR. TAWNY! NOW LET'S GO BACK TO SLEEP!
AFTER THE BOYS RETURN TO THEIR TENTS...
YOU CAN TALK... I HEARD YOU!
WHY DIDN'T YOU DO IT FOR THEM?
BECAUSE I COULDN'T THINK OF ANYTHING TO SAY!
BESIDES, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE UNDERSTOOD ME, ANYWAY! THEY'RE HUMAN!
THE WITCH WHO PUT THIS CURSE ON ME MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HUMANS TO UNDERSTAND ME--ONLY ANIMALS LIKE YOU!
YOU SEE, I'M REALLY A ROYAL PRINCE--
"HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO, WHILE I SEARCHED MY KINGDOM FOR A SUITABLE WIFE, MY COACH HAD AN ACCIDENT..."
IT'S A MIRACLE! THE PRINCE IS ALIVE AFTER HIS COACH CRASHED DOWN THE CLIFFSIDE!
SOMEHOW I SEEM TO HAVE BECOME... IMMORTAL!
"LATER, AS I WAS ABOUT TO CHOOSE MY PRINCESS..."
I GAVE YOU ETERNAL LIFE! SO CHOOSE ME!
BY ROYAL DECREE, A PRINCE CAN'T MARRY A WITCH!
BESIDES, I DO NOT LOVE YOU!
I'M GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE, BUT NOW MAKE ME MORTAL AGAIN!
OH, NO, PRINCE! I WON'T TAKE BACK MY GIFT! YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE FOREVER...
...AS A FROG!
"OBVIOUSLY, I COULD NOT CONTINUE TO RULE MY KINGDOM AS A FROG...ESPECIALLY ONE WHO CAN ONLY TALK TO OTHER ANIMALS AND NOT PEOPLE!"
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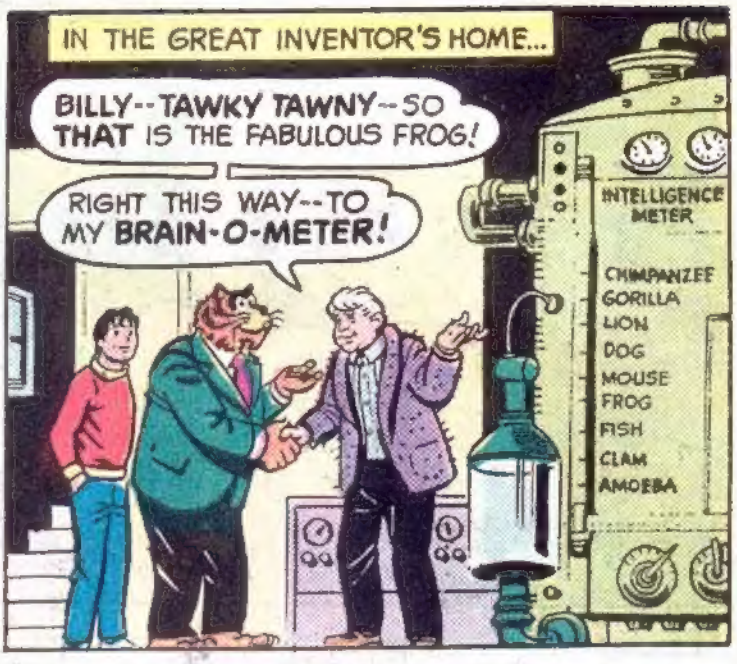
THE NEXT DAY...
I STILL DON'T SEE WHY YOU THINK THAT'S A SUPER-SMART FROG!
I HAVE MY REASONS -- AND HOW BETTER TO PROVE IT BETTER THAN WITH DR. KILOWATT?
DR. THOMAS A. KILOWATT
PHONOGRAPH HILL


IN THE GREAT INVENTOR'S HOME...
BILLY -- TAWKY TAWNY -- SO THAT IS THE FABULOUS FROG!
RIGHT THIS WAY -- TO MY BRAIN-O-METER!
INTELLIGENCE METER
CHIMPANZEE
GORILLA
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DOG
MOUSE
FROG
FISH
CLAM
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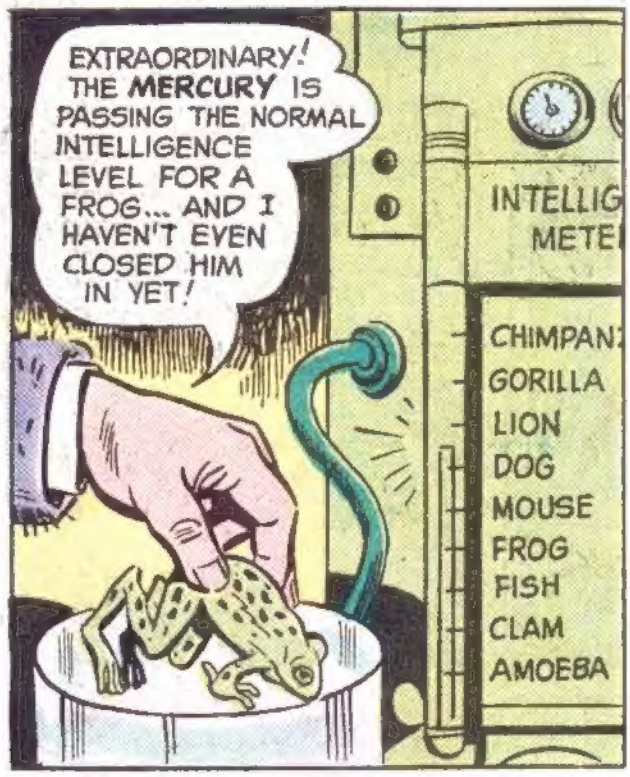
EXTRAORDINARY! THE MERCURY IS PASSING THE NORMAL INTELLIGENCE LEVEL FOR A FROG... AND I HAVEN'T EVEN CLOSED HIM IN YET!
INTELLIG METE
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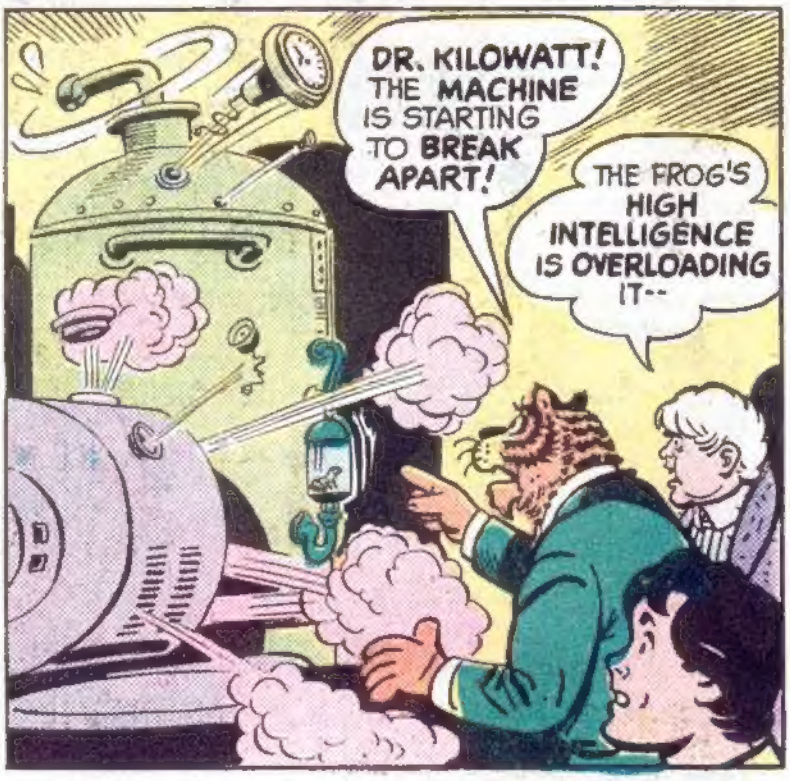
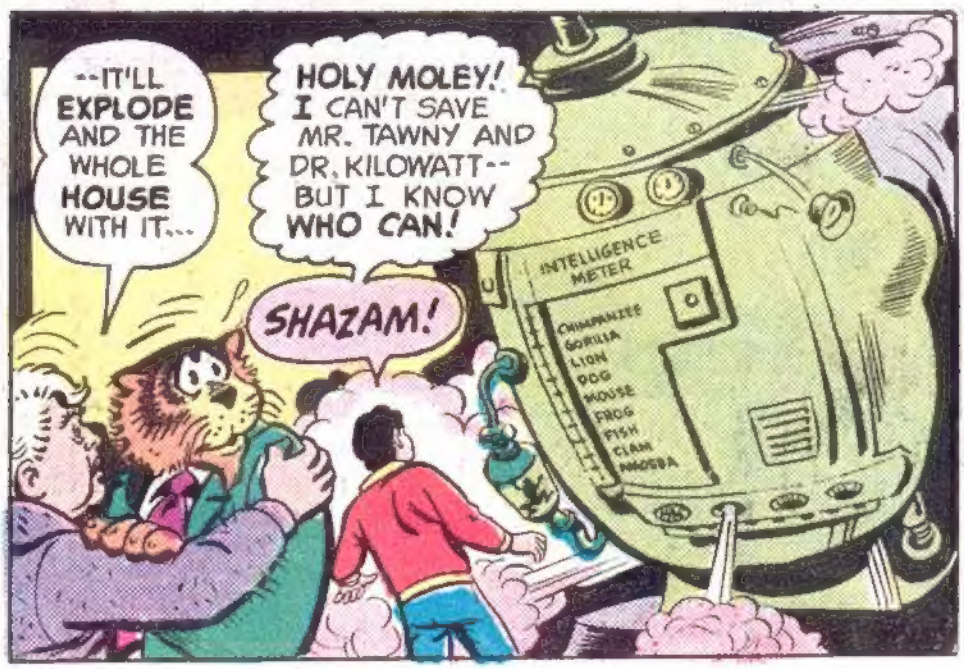

DR. KILOWATT! THE MACHINE IS STARTING TO BREAK APART!
THE FROG'S HIGH INTELLIGENCE IS OVERLOADING IT --


--IT'LL EXPLODE AND THE WHOLE HOUSE WITH IT...
HOLY MOLEY! I CAN'T SAVE MR. TAWNY AND DR. KILOWATT -- BUT I KNOW WHO CAN!
SHAZAM!
INTELLIGENCE METER
CHIMPANZEE
GORILLA
LION
DOG
MOUSE
FROG
FISH
CLAM
AMOEBA

AND WITH A FLASH OF LIGHT AS SUDDEN AND BRILLIANT AS A TRILLION FOURTH OF JULYS, THE BOY NEWSCASTER IS REPLACED BY THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL...
BOOM!
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CAPTAIN MARVEL!
WHEN BILLY SAID THE MAGIC WORD, HE BARELY GAVE ME ENOUGH TIME...
FROG
FISH
CLAM
AMOEBA
...TO GET THE FROG OUT OF THE MACHINE AND LIFT THE DEVICE...
... SAFELY OUT OF THE HOUSE...
...TO WHERE A HUGE EXPLOSION MIGHT DO SOME GOOD!
MILES AWAY, AS WORKERS BUILDING A NEW SUPERHIGHWAY LOOK UP DURING THEIR LUNCH HOUR...
LOOKIT! SOME SCREWBALL SCIENTIST GADGET'S FLYIN' TOWARD WHERE WE GOTTA BLAST A TUNNEL THROUGH THAT HILL!
HEY! THAT CRAZY CONTRAPTION MADE THE BLAST FOR US!
WE CAN TAKE THE AFTERNOON OFF!
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AND IN A HIDDEN PASSAGEWAY OF DR. KILOWATT'S HOUSE...
AGENT RASKOLNIKOV REPORTING FROM PHONOGRAPH HILL!
DR. KILOWATT IS HAVING IN HIS POSSESSION A FROG ALMOST AS INTELLIGENT AS A HUMAN--
--BUT I'M NOT SURE HOW THE INVENTOR IS FINDING THIS FROG! HOW SHALL I PROCEED?
OBVIOUSLY, KILOWATT HAS INVENTED SOME WAY TO MAKE ANIMALS SMART-- THE SAME LIKE MR. TAWNY...
...SO IMAGINE HOW SMART HE CAN MAKE HUMANS!
YOU MUST FROG-NAP THIS FROG AT ALL COSTS, AGENT RASKOLNIKOV!
AT VUNCE, COMRADE CHIEF!
AND WHILE THE EAVESDROPPING AGENT REPORTED TO HIS SUPERIORS, CAPTAIN MARVEL HAS CHANGED BACK TO BILLY...
WHAT'S THAT YOU SAY, MR. TAWNY-- THIS FROG IS REALLY A PRINCE-- AND HE CAN TALK TO YOU?
RIBIT
RIBIT
SOUNDS JUST LIKE A FROG TO ME!
THAT'S JUST IT! NO ONE BUT ANIMALS CAN UNDERSTAND HIM!
I'M A SCIENTIST-- I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MAGIC SPELLS!
CAPTAIN MARVEL'S POWERS ARE MAGICAL... MAYBE HE'LL HAVE AN IDEA!
ULP!
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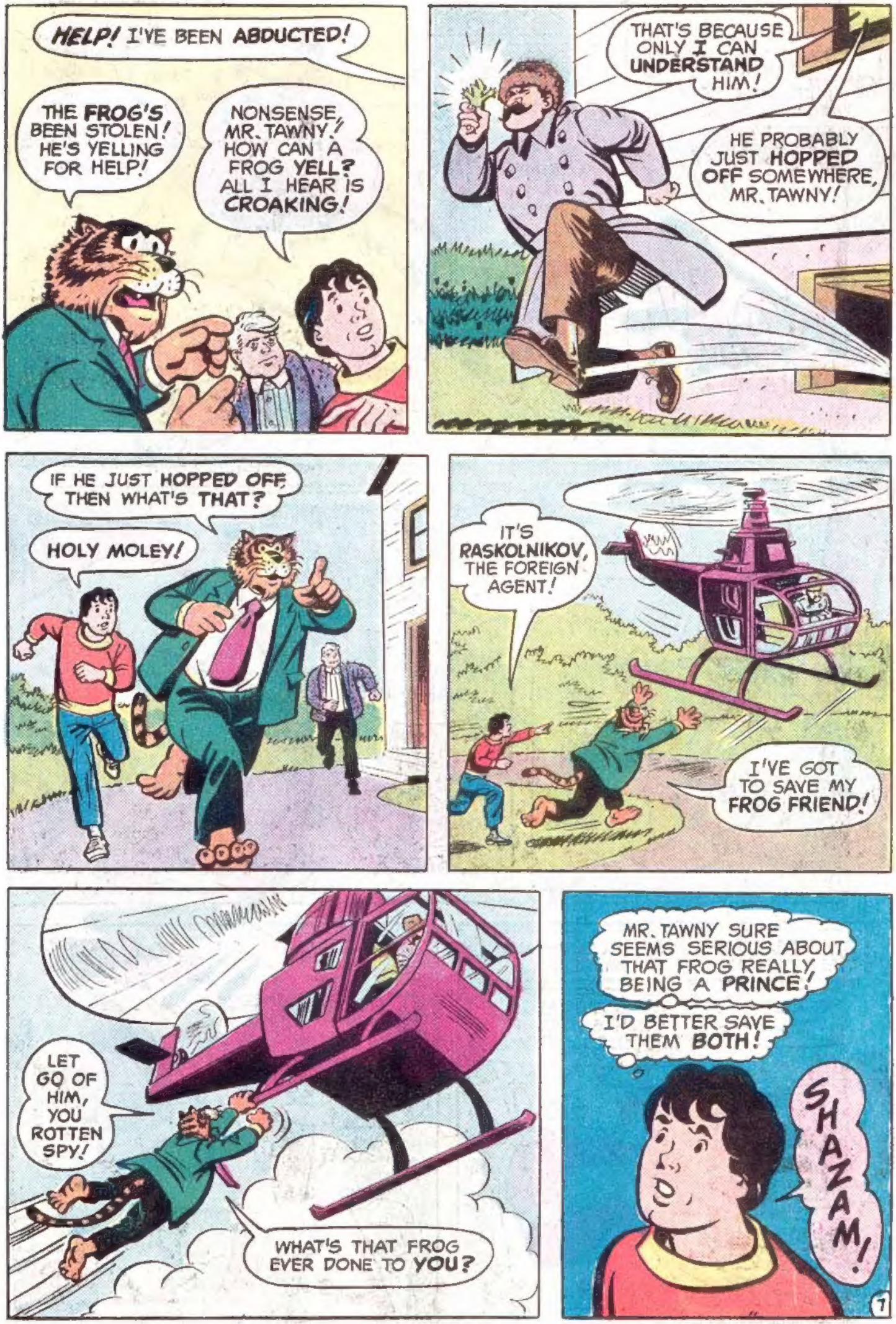
HELP! I'VE BEEN ABDUCTED!
THE FROG'S BEEN STOLEN! HE'S YELLING FOR HELP!
NONSENSE, MR. TAWNY! HOW CAN A FROG YELL? ALL I HEAR IS CROAKING!
THAT'S BECAUSE ONLY I CAN UNDERSTAND HIM!
HE PROBABLY JUST HOPPED OFF SOMEWHERE, MR. TAWNY!
IF HE JUST HOPPED OFF, THEN WHAT'S THAT?
HOLY MOLEY!
IT'S RASKOLNIKOV, THE FOREIGN AGENT!
I'VE GOT TO SAVE MY FROG FRIEND!
LET GO OF HIM, YOU ROTTEN SPY!
WHAT'S THAT FROG EVER DONE TO YOU?
MR. TAWNY SURE SEEMS SERIOUS ABOUT THAT FROG REALLY BEING A PRINCE!
I'D BETTER SAVE THEM BOTH!
SHAZAM!
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ONCE MORE THERE IS AN ENORMOUS CLAP OF THUNDER...OUT OF WHICH SOARS...
BOOM!
... THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL--!
CAPTAIN MARVEL-- THANK GOODNESS!
YOU'RE IN SAFE HANDS NOW!
AS FOR YOUR ATTEMPT TO SAVE YOUR CROAKING FRIEND...
...I'LL TAKE OVER FROM HERE!
THIS IS RASKOLNIKOV-- CALLING HEADQUARTERS! HAVE ABDUCTED FROG, BUT AM BEING TRAILED BY KAPITAN MARVEL!
VILL BLAST HIM WITH MY CALADIUM ZAPPER!
AS A FEARSOME BOLT OF ENERGY HITS THE ADVANCING HERO POINT-BLANK...
HEE-HEE! IT TICKLES--
--BUT IT WON'T TICKLE WHEN IT BOUNCES OFF ME...
ZAP!
...AND HITS THE ROTOR OF THE HELICOPTER!
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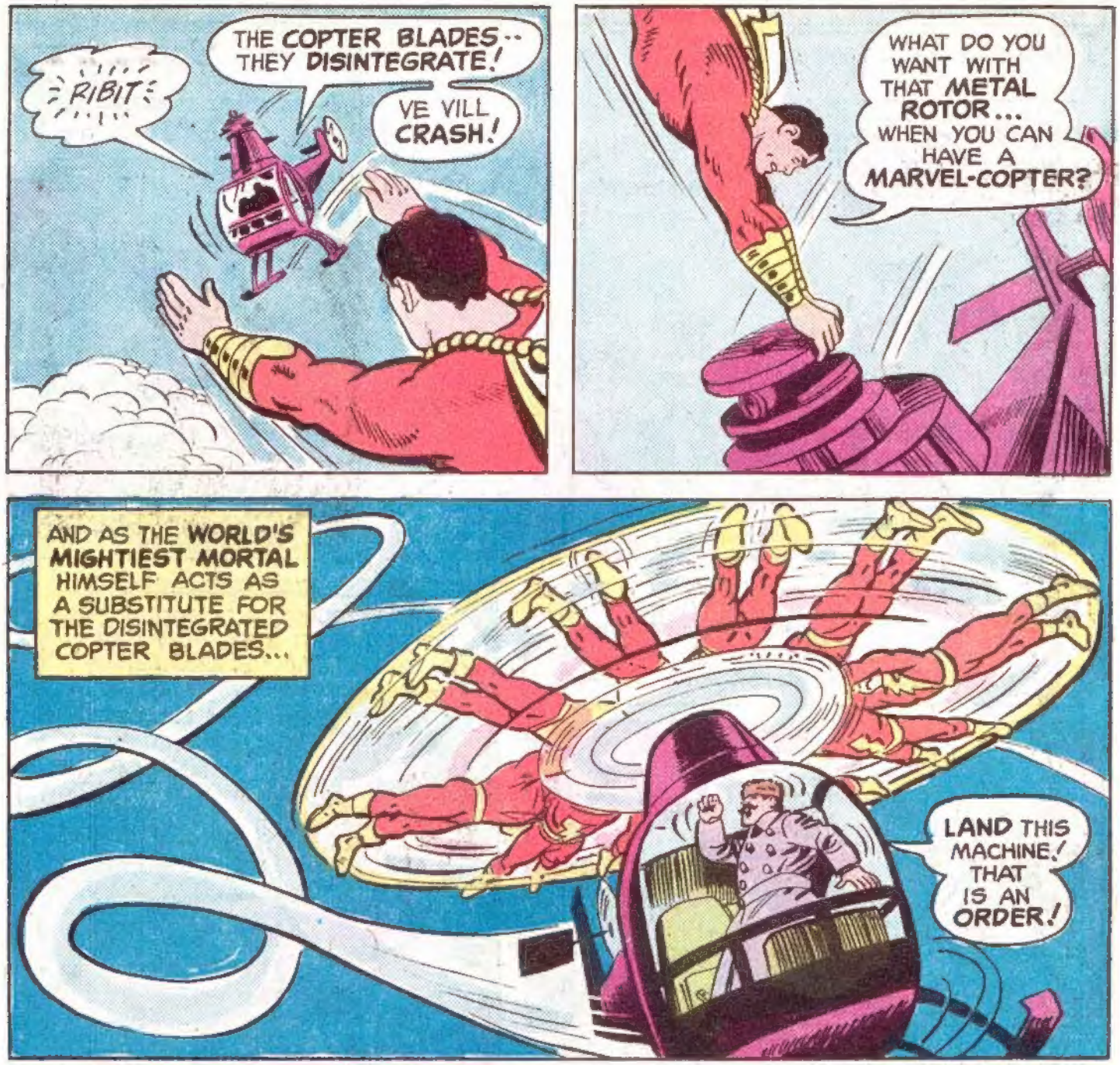
RIBIT
THE COPTER BLADES-- THEY DISINTEGRATE!
VE VILL CRASH!
WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH THAT METAL ROTOR... WHEN YOU CAN HAVE A MARVEL-COPTER?
AND AS THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL HIMSELF ACTS AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE DISINTEGRATED COPTER BLADES...
LAND THIS MACHINE! THAT IS AN ORDER!
LAND, YOU SAY? AT YOUR SERVICE!
YOU KNOW, RASKOLNIKOV-- YOU'D NEVER HAVE GAINED ANY INFORMATION FROM STEALING THAT FROG!
DR. KILOWATT DIDN'T MAKE HIM SMART BY ANY SECRET SCIENTIFIC PROCESS!
THE FROG IS HUMAN!
A HUMAN FROG? VOT VON'T YOU AMERICANS THINK OF NEXT!

AND AS THE EXCITEMENT DIES DOWN, THERE IS STILL ONE MORE PROBLEM...
WE STILL HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT HOW TO CHANGE THE FROG BACK TO A HANDSOME PRINCE!
WELL, I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT MAGIC...
RIBIT
...BUT I HAVE A FRIEND WHO DOES--
--OLD SHAZAM -- THE EGYPTIAN WIZARD WHO GAVE ME MY POWERS!
"HE TOLD ME THERE'S USUALLY AN ESCAPE-CLAUSE FROM THESE SPELLS! EITHER A BEAUTIFUL MAIDEN HAS TO KISS THE FROG...OR HIT HIM..."
"...OR SOMETHING EMBARRASSING LIKE THAT! BUT IF IT WERE THE ANSWER, THE WITCH WOULD HAVE TOLD THE PRINCE..."
MY WIZARD FRIEND SAID IF THERE'S NO ESCAPE-CLAUSE, YOU CAN ALWAYS BUILD UP ENOUGH MAGIC ENERGY...
...BY HAVING A FRIEND OF THE VICTIM PERFORM A BRAVE ACT ON HIS BEHALF!
WHEN MR. TAWNY HUNG ON TO THE HELICOPTER, HE CERTAINLY PERFORMED A BRAVE ACT FOR THE FROG!
BUT HE HASN'T TURNED BACK TO A PRINCE OVER IT!
AS THE HAPLESS FROG BOUNDS TO THE GROUND, HE ANGRILY YELLS AT THE SKY IN A VOICE ONLY THE TIGER CAN UNDERSTAND...
NOT YET... BUT I SHOULD HAVE! WHAT'S HOLDING THINGS UP?
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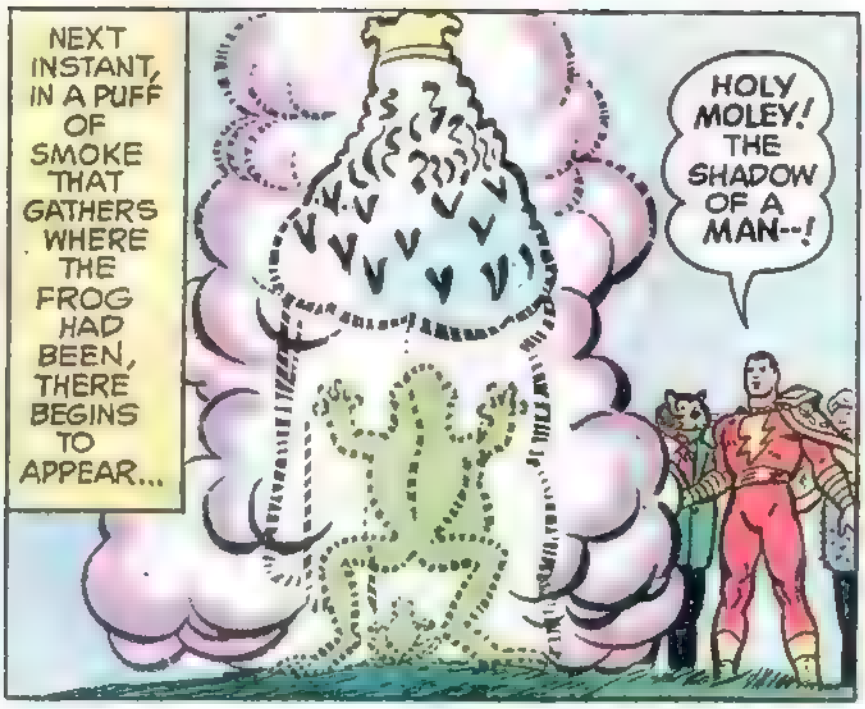
NEXT INSTANT, IN A PUFF OF SMOKE THAT GATHERS WHERE THE FROG HAD BEEN, THERE BEGINS TO APPEAR...
HOLY MOLEY! THE SHADOW OF A MAN--!

NOT JUST A MAN...
...BUT PRINCE MAXWELL PHROGUE, AT YOUR SERVICE, GENTLEMEN... AND... UH... GENTLE-TIGER!

HA HA! YOU ARE NO HANDSOME PRINCE! YOU'VE STILL GOT THE FACE OF A FROG!
MR. RASKOLNIKOV-- SHOW MORE RESPECT FOR ROYALTY!

QUITE ALL RIGHT, CAPTAIN MARVEL! I REALIZE I'M NOT THE HANDSOMEST OF PRINCES--
--IT'S JUST THAT ALL THE YOUNG MAIDENS OF MY KINGDOM WANTED SO MUCH TO MARRY A PRINCE...

... THEY CONVINCED THEMSELVES THAT I WAS HANDSOME!
BEING HANDSOME ISN'T SO IMPORTANT, PRINCE PHROGUE, BUT HAVING FRIENDS IS!
AND YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF FRIENDS NOW!
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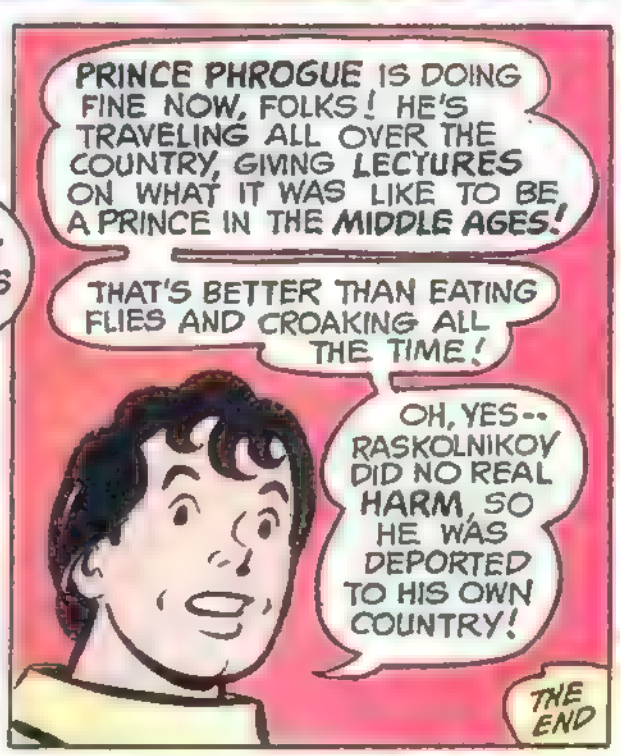
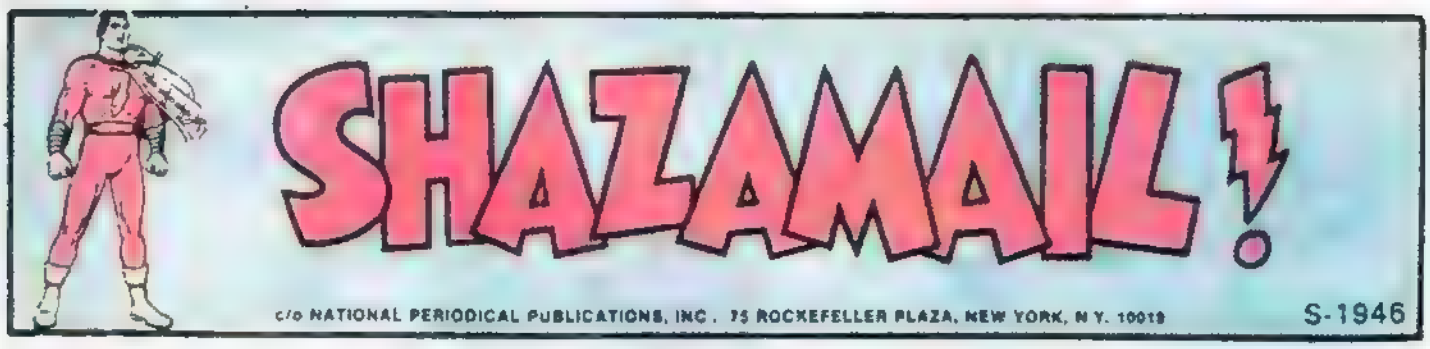

PRINCE PHROGUE IS DOING FINE NOW, FOLKS! HE'S TRAVELING ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, GIVING LECTURES ON WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BE A PRINCE IN THE MIDDLE AGES!
THAT'S BETTER THAN EATING FLIES AND CROAKING ALL THE TIME!
OH, YES-- RASKOLNIKOV DID NO REAL HARM, SO HE WAS DEPORTED TO HIS OWN COUNTRY!
THE END



Dear Editors:

All I can say is congratulations! With your latest rendition of the **Big Red Cheese** and his family (**Shazam** #16), you have surpassed my wildest expectations.

You started out with a very good cover by Bob Oksner, depicting **Captain Marvel** vs. the **Seven Deadly Enemies of Man** (glad to see you're finally getting away from your "three scenes to a cover" method).

Inside we have the most marvelously (sorry!) written and drawn new **Captain Marvel** story yet ("The Man Who Stole Justice"). Elliot S. Maggin has totally captured the spirit of **Captain Marvel** and expertly handles the delicate balance between **Cap** and Billy Batson that made the Golden Age stories so enjoyable. Billy plays as important a role as **Captain Marvel**, not merely one of bumbling onto a crime and calling upon **Cap** to solve it.

I feel Kurt Schaffenberger is the best artist for **Captain Marvel.** While I must admit Bob Oksner does a commendable job, his art seems forced into the **Captain Marvel** style. Kurt, though, is a genius when it comes to drawing the **Big Red Cheese.** He produces the perfect semi-humorous, semi-serious art that marks the difference between a good **Captain Marvel** story and a great one.

The reprints were excellently chosen, with the **Captain Marvel Jr.** story being the best (mostly due to Bud Thompson's stylish artwork).

Topping off this superb issue was a very enjoyable **Mary Marvel** story ("The Green-Eyed Monster"). Here Bob Oksner is very comfortable, proving that heroines are his forte. E. Nelson Bridwell chose to tell the story from a very interesting point of view, that of Kitzel the cat (I loved **Mr. Tawny's** cameo appearance).

Again let me say this was an excellent issue. Please keep it up!

Jim Warren, Boston, Mass.

(I suppose I should give some comment on your letter, but we're all busy blushing from that overwhelming praise!—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

Pride! Envy! Greed! Hatred! Selfishness! Laziness! Injustice! A more formidable line-up of villains has yet to be seen in comics! The cover of **Shazam** #16 caught my eye and held it . . . the thing that has most intrigued me about **Captain Marvel's** origin is that row of chillingly comical caricatures of the **Seven Deadly Sins.** And here they are, battling **Captain Marvel** in a beautifully extra-large cover scene!

"The Man Who Stole Justice" was possibly the best thing Elliot Maggin has ever written for this magazine. It was as good as the reprints . . . something that can't be said too often. Of course, Kurt Schaffenberger's art has much improved since then . . . no artist in the field can match Kurt's smooth, glossy style.

The reprints were terrific . . . especially since none of them involved the Sivanas. I'm very fond of the style of these older stories and I'm glad Elliot has captured it.

The **Mary Marvel** vehicle, "The Green-Eyed Monster," brought back E.N.B. and good for that! Mr. Bridwell writes nice, off-beat stories which will insure **Shazam** a future almost as infallible as the Marvels themselves. This tale had the funniest ending I've ever seen . . the last panel was unexpected and ingenious!

Bob Oksner does a great job on **Mary Marvel** and he ought to be her permanent artist, as his style is more suited to **Mary** than anyone else's.

It all goes to show that if you **Shazam**, the world **Shazams** with you!

Bob Rodi, Oak Brook, Ill.

(Well, we've got a SIVANA tale this issue—and it's not a reprint! This marks the first match of the JUNIORS in over twenty years!—E.N.B.)

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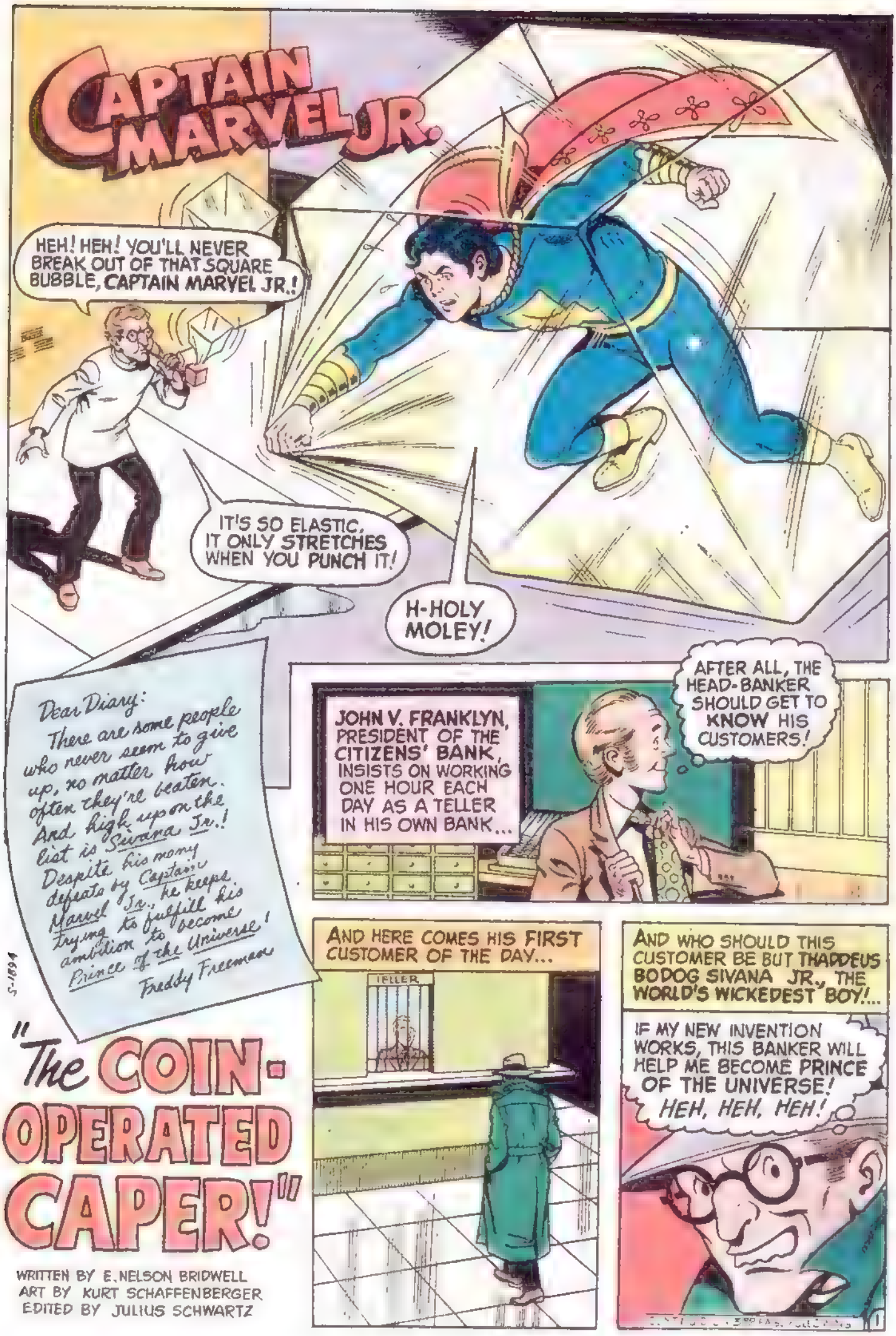
Dear Editor:

I would like to commend your artist on the clothes you put on Billy Batson in "The Man Who Stole Justice!" I was getting sick of the same old clothes. A red sweater, white shirt and straight pants is sickening. Now you're giving him up-to-date clothes like bell-bottom pants and higher-heeled shoes.

Now how about doing something about that dumb "**Holy Moley**"?

Tommy Everett, Sullivan's Island, S.C.

(We tried giving Billy an updated outfit to test readers' reactions. You liked the idea; some fans didn't. What about the rest of you WHIZ kids? How do you want Billy to dress? You can decide about that—but junk his distinctive "HOLY MOLEY"? Might as well toss out Charlie Brown's "GOOD GRIEF!"—E. NELSON BRIDWELL.)


CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.
HEH! HEH! YOU'LL NEVER BREAK OUT OF THAT SQUARE BUBBLE, CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.!
IT'S SO ELASTIC, IT ONLY STRETCHES WHEN YOU PUNCH IT!
H-HOLY MOLEY!
Dear Diary:
There are some people who never seem to give up, no matter how often they're beaten. And high up on the list is Sivana Jr.! Despite his many defeats by Captain Marvel Jr., he keeps trying to fulfill his ambition to become Prince of the Universe!
Freddy Freeman
JOHN V. FRANKLYN, PRESIDENT OF THE CITIZENS' BANK, INSISTS ON WORKING ONE HOUR EACH DAY AS A TELLER IN HIS OWN BANK...
AFTER ALL, THE HEAD-BANKER SHOULD GET TO KNOW HIS CUSTOMERS!
AND HERE COMES HIS FIRST CUSTOMER OF THE DAY...
TELLER
AND WHO SHOULD THIS CUSTOMER BE BUT THADDEUS BODOG SIVANA JR., THE WORLD'S WICKEDEST BOY!...
IF MY NEW INVENTION WORKS, THIS BANKER WILL HELP ME BECOME PRINCE OF THE UNIVERSE! HEH, HEH, HEH!

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"The COIN-OPERATED CAPER!"

WRITTEN BY E. NELSON BRIDWELL
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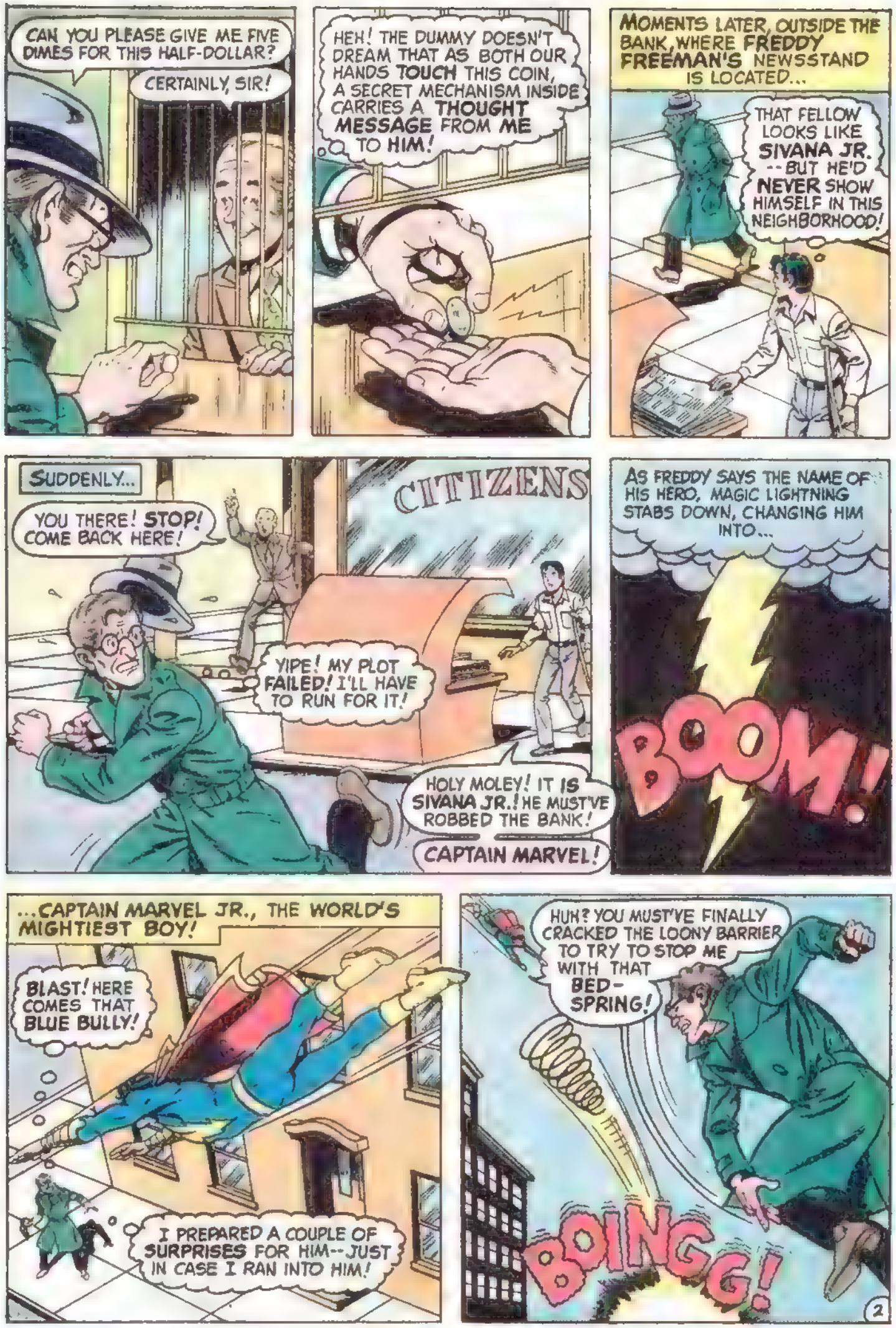
CAN YOU PLEASE GIVE ME FIVE DIMES FOR THIS HALF-DOLLAR?
CERTAINLY, SIR!
HEH! THE DUMMY DOESN'T DREAM THAT AS BOTH OUR HANDS TOUCH THIS COIN, A SECRET MECHANISM INSIDE CARRIES A THOUGHT MESSAGE FROM ME TO HIM!
MOMENTS LATER, OUTSIDE THE BANK, WHERE FREDDY FREEMAN'S NEWSSTAND IS LOCATED...
THAT FELLOW LOOKS LIKE SIVANA JR. -- BUT HE'D NEVER SHOW HIMSELF IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD!
SUDDENLY...
YOU THERE! STOP! COME BACK HERE!
CITIZENS
YIPE! MY PLOT FAILED! I'LL HAVE TO RUN FOR IT!
HOLY MOLEY! IT IS SIVANA JR.! HE MUST'VE ROBBED THE BANK!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
AS FREDDY SAYS THE NAME OF HIS HERO, MAGIC LIGHTNING STABS DOWN, CHANGING HIM INTO...
BOOM!
...CAPTAIN MARVEL JR., THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BOY!
BLAST! HERE COMES THAT BLUE BULLY!
I PREPARED A COUPLE OF SURPRISES FOR HIM -- JUST IN CASE I RAN INTO HIM!
HUH? YOU MUST'VE FINALLY CRACKED THE LOONY BARRIER TO TRY TO STOP ME WITH THAT BED-SPRING!
BOINGG!
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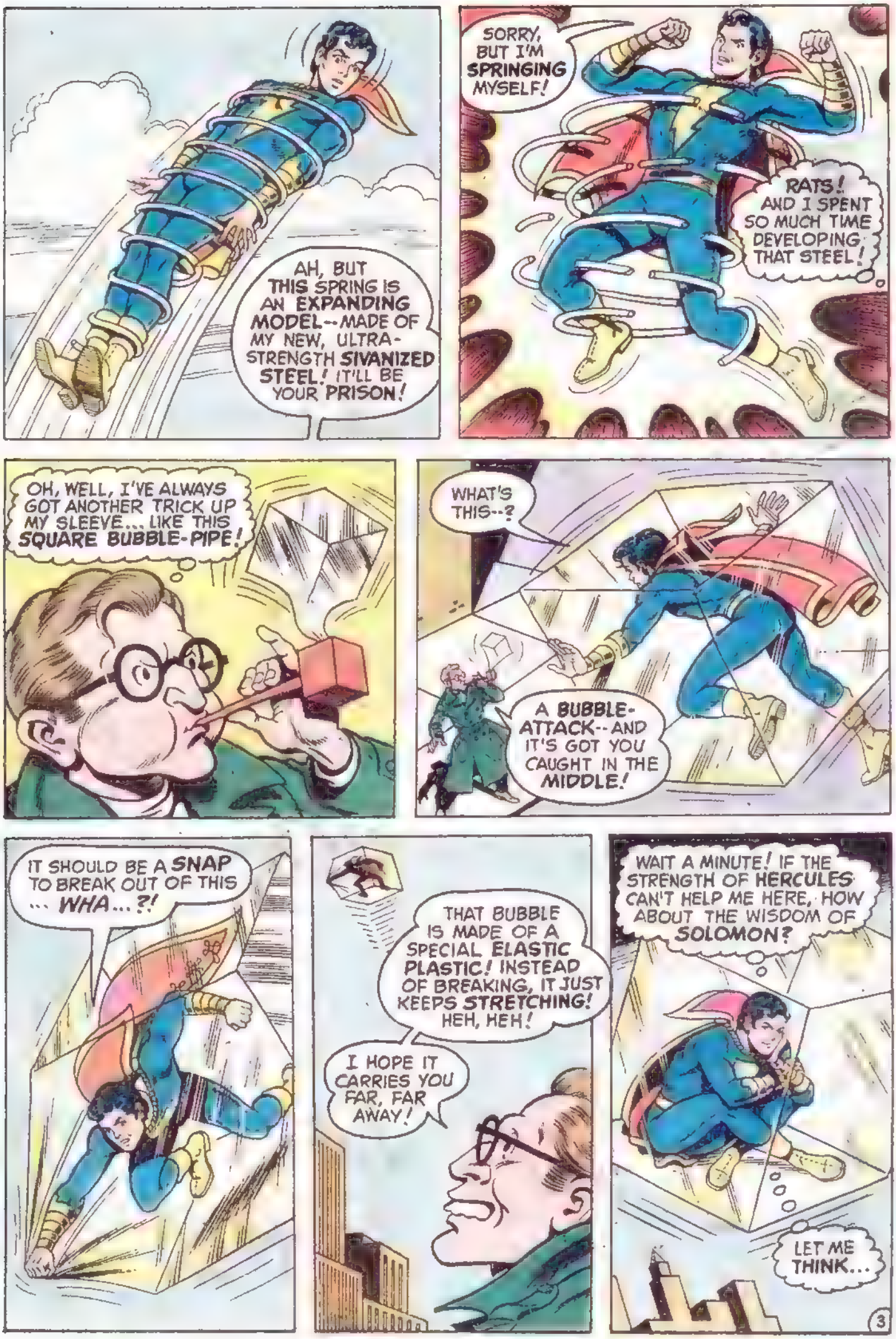
AH, BUT THIS SPRING IS AN EXPANDING MODEL--MADE OF MY NEW, ULTRA-STRENGTH SIVANIZED STEEL! IT'LL BE YOUR PRISON!
SORRY, BUT I'M SPRINGING MYSELF!
RATS! AND I SPENT SO MUCH TIME DEVELOPING THAT STEEL!
OH, WELL, I'VE ALWAYS GOT ANOTHER TRICK UP MY SLEEVE... LIKE THIS SQUARE BUBBLE-PIPE!
WHAT'S THIS--?
A BUBBLE-ATTACK--AND IT'S GOT YOU CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE!
IT SHOULD BE A SNAP TO BREAK OUT OF THIS ... WHA...?!
THAT BUBBLE IS MADE OF A SPECIAL ELASTIC PLASTIC! INSTEAD OF BREAKING, IT JUST KEEPS STRETCHING! HEH, HEH!
I HOPE IT CARRIES YOU FAR, FAR AWAY!
WAIT A MINUTE! IF THE STRENGTH OF HERCULES CAN'T HELP ME HERE, HOW ABOUT THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON?
LET ME THINK...
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GOT IT! THERE'S NO WAY TO BREAK OUT, SO...
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
AND ONCE AGAIN THE MAGIC LIGHTNING STRIKES, CHANGING THE BOY IN BLUE...
BOOM!
KRAK!
...BACK TO FREDDY FREEMAN!
THE MAGIC LIGHTNING BROKE THE BUBBLE, ALL RIGHT-- BUT IF I DON'T WANT MY BONES TO BREAK ON LANDING, I'D BETTER SAY...
...CAPTAIN MARVEL!
KA-POW!
THIS TIME YOU WON'T HAVE A CHANCE TO TRY ANY MORE TRICKS!
YIIIEEE!
HOLD HIM, CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.!
DON'T WORRY, SIR-- HE WON'T GET AWAY!
HOW MUCH DID HE STEAL?
STEAL? WHY, HE DIDN'T STEAL ANYTHING! I ACCIDENTALLY GAVE HIM FOUR DIMES INSTEAD OF FIVE FOR HIS HALF-DOLLAR!
HERE YOU ARE, SIR!
BAH!
HOLY MOLEY!
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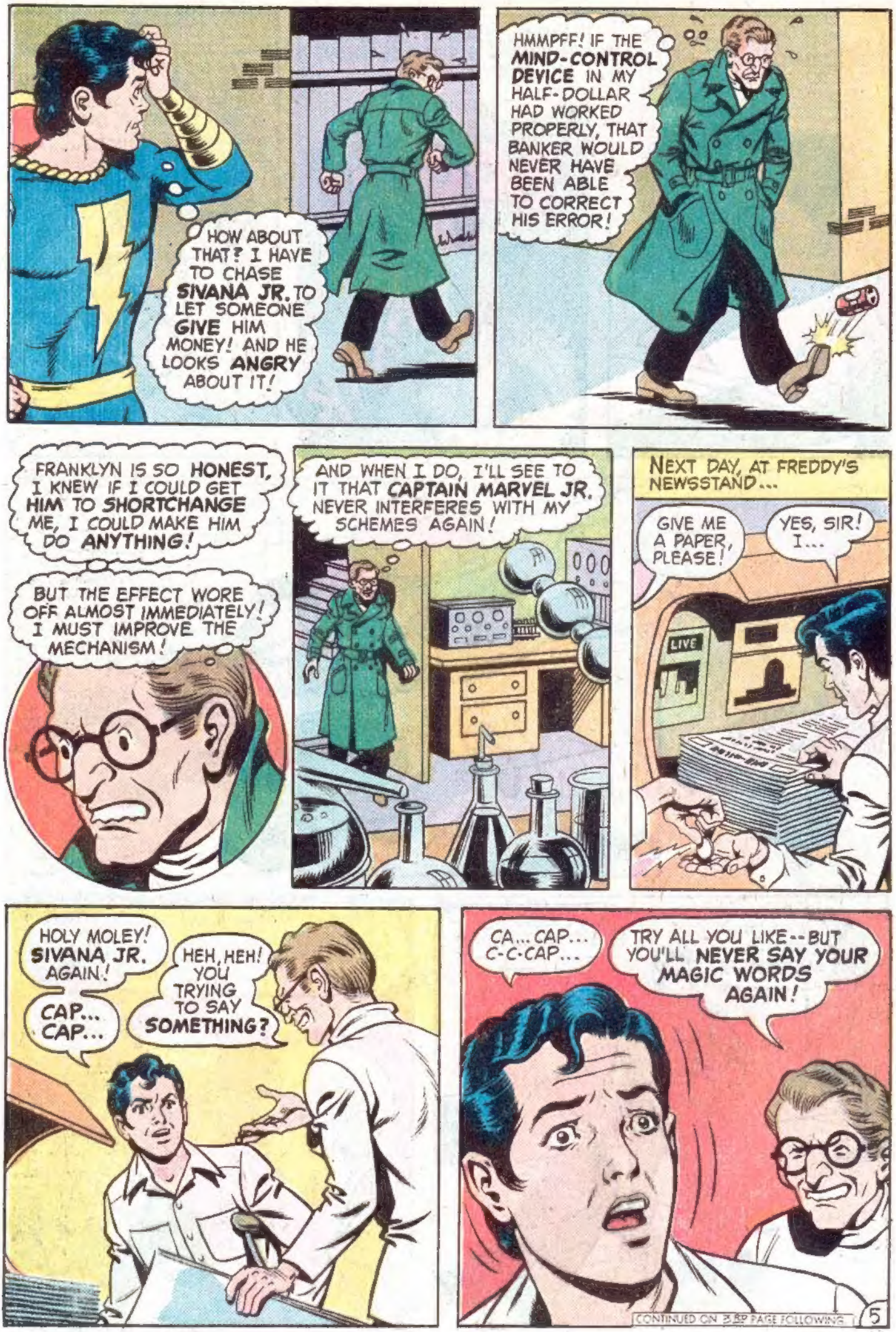
HOW ABOUT THAT? I HAVE TO CHASE SIVANA JR. TO LET SOMEONE GIVE HIM MONEY! AND HE LOOKS ANGRY ABOUT IT!
HMMPFF! IF THE MIND-CONTROL DEVICE IN MY HALF-DOLLAR HAD WORKED PROPERLY, THAT BANKER WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CORRECT HIS ERROR!
FRANKLYN IS SO HONEST, I KNEW IF I COULD GET HIM TO SHORTCHANGE ME, I COULD MAKE HIM DO ANYTHING!
BUT THE EFFECT WORE OFF ALMOST IMMEDIATELY! I MUST IMPROVE THE MECHANISM!
AND WHEN I DO, I'LL SEE TO IT THAT CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. NEVER INTERFERES WITH MY SCHEMES AGAIN!
NEXT DAY, AT FREDDY'S NEWSSTAND...
GIVE ME A PAPER, PLEASE!
YES, SIR! I...
LIVE
HOLY MOLEY! SIVANA JR. AGAIN!
CAP... CAP...
HEH, HEH! YOU TRYING TO SAY SOMETHING?
CA... CAP... C-C-CAP...
TRY ALL YOU LIKE--BUT YOU'LL NEVER SAY YOUR MAGIC WORDS AGAIN!
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THAT HALF-DOLLAR I JUST HANDED YOU CONTAINED CIRCUITS THAT TURNED MY THOUGHT-COMMAND INTO A COMPULSION!
AND MY COMMAND WAS... "YOU WILL NEVER AGAIN SPEAK THE NAME OF YOUR HERO, CAPTAIN MARVEL!"
NOW I'LL USE THE SAME COIN TO FORCE BANKER FRANKLYN TO DO MY BIDDING! HE'LL USE THE FUNDS OF THE RICHEST BANK ON EARTH TO BANKROLL MY PLANS TO BECOME PRINCE OF THE UNIVERSE!
IT'S ONLY RIGHT! MY FATHER, SIVANA SR., IS PLANNING TO BE RIGHTFUL RULER OF THE UNIVERSE!
SINCE I STILL NEED THE HALF-DOLLAR, I'LL TAKE IT BACK!
AND I MIGHT AS WELL STEAL ALL THE REST OF YOUR MONEY, SINCE YOU CAN'T STOP ME!
CA... CAP... C-C-CA...
CITIZEN
AFTER I'M ACKNOWLEDGED AS RIGHTFUL PRINCE OF THE UNIVERSE, I'LL MAKE YOU MY COURT JESTER! HEH, HEH, HEH!
THIS TIME HE'S GOT ME GOOD! I'M UTTERLY HELPLESS TO STOP HIM!
TO THINK I'LL NEVER TURN INTO CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. AGAIN, BECAUSE I CAN'T SAY THE NAME OF...
I CAN'T EVEN THINK THE NAME NOW! I... WAIT!
HOLY MOLEY! I JUST REALIZED SIVANA JR. MADE A BIG MISTAKE!
I KNOW HOW TO FOIL HIM-- SHOW HIM I'M NOT BEATEN!
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AH, GLAD TO SEE YOU BACK, SIR! NO HARD FEELINGS ABOUT YESTERDAY? YOU'LL GIVE US YOUR BUSINESS?
HEH, HEH! WILL I GIVE HIM THE BUSINESS!
I HAVE ANOTHER HALF-DOLLAR I'D LIKE CHANGED...
TELLER
DON'T TOUCH IT, SIR! IT'S A SCHEME TO MAKE YOU THIS RAT'S SLAVE!
POW!
IMPOSSIBLE! IT CAN'T BE YOU!
I FIXED IT SO YOU'D NEVER APPEAR AGAIN! THERE WAS NO MISTAKE-- OWWWW!
K-CHOP!
OH, BUT YOU MADE PLENTY OF MISTAKES!
ONE WAS ROBBING FREDDY! THAT GIVES ME A CHARGE TO ARREST YOU ON WHILE I CHECK UP AND SEE WHAT OTHER LAWS YOU'VE BROKEN!
BILLY BATSON CAN USE THE COIN TO WIPE OUT YOUR COMMAND TO FREDDY!
WE GOT THE CROOK, CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.!
CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.--BEFORE I GO BACK TO JAIL, TELL ME HOW FREDDY THWARTED MY WONDERFUL SCHEME!
WHY, A GENIUS LIKE YOU SHOULD HAVE FIGURED IT OUT! BUT SINCE YOU DIDN'T, DON'T EXPECT ME TO GIVE YOU ANY HELPFUL HINTS!
Sivana Jr. ordered me not to say Captain Marvel's name, and I really couldn't! But he didn't forbid me to say my name -- Captain Marvel Jr.! When I couldn't even think Cap's name, but Captain Marvel Jr. came easily, I knew I could say it, too, and change that way!
Freddy Freeman
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